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ORIGINATORS OF
PRIZE WINNING
DAHLIAS
1927

GENUINE

Connecticut Grown

BULBS

MEACHEN & SHERMAN

Members of the A. D. S. and D. S. of C.

1661 ELM STREET
STRATFORD, CONN.

Genuine Connecticut grown bulbs.

Plants half price of tubers and should be entered by February 1st.

A FEW POINTS ON GROWING DAHLIAS

Any soil which will grow good vegetables will grow good dahlias. If too heavy, lighten it with barn yard manure, coal ashes or sand. If run down, add fertilizer; barn yard manure is best.

Do not plant until after all danger of frost is over. Place the roots four to six inches deep, laying them down horizontally; do not stand on end.

Water sparingly during the early stages of growth, but keep the ground well cultivated. Water heavily when the flowers appear, and mulch with any suitable material obtainable.

INFORMATION

Order Early: Your orders filled in rotation. Early ordering assures you the varieties you wish.

Time of Shipment: Unless you specify shipping date, your order will be shipped about May 1st.

Substitution: We never substitute, but it is well to make a second choice of the best new varieties.

Guarantee: We guarantee all bulbs true to name, and cheerfully replace any that should prove otherwise. Kindly let us know at once.

Stock: We send only field grown divided tubers.

Notice: All orders must be accompanied with cash, money order, or check. No orders sent unless they are paid for.

INVITATION

Visitors welcome to our fields at all times.

Best blooms during September and October.

ABBREVIATIONS

Dec. Stands for Decorative C. Cactus, H. C. Hybrid Cactus. S. Show. Peo. Peony, H. S. Hybrid Show.

DAHLIAS

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Our Own Originations

- ***Albert Ward**—(Peo.) An exceptionally large peony flower, well formed and a free bloomer. Good stems. Color a beautiful shade of light rosolane purple at tips of petals shading darker at base\$1.50
- ***Century**—(Dec.) A very large lavender flower of fine form and A very prolific bloomer 2.00
- ***Christine Evers**—(Pco.) A very prolific bloomer producing blossoms on extra long straight stems. The face of petals is mallow pink, reverse rhodamine purple shading lighter at tips. A good keeper making it an ideal flower for cutting.... 1.50
- ***Charlotte Fargo**—(Dec.) This fine large yellow decorative, we think is one of the best yellows we have originated. It is a semi-dwarf plant, a very strong grower and a dahlia that is well liked by everybody. It has strong stems to carry the flower above the foliage. It is a profuse bloomer for such a large flower. It is fine for exhibition. 7.50
- ***Charles E. Wheeler**—(Dec.) A beautiful dahlia of self color. It is a rich lavender violet with heavy bronze green foliage. The flowers are large, full and well formed and are held erect on rigid stems two feet long which make this creation distinctive for bouquets or other decorative purposes. This is one of our latest and best introductions for 1927. Plants only. 5.00
- ***Elsie Daniels**—(H. C.) Received a certificate of merit. The color of this wonderful dahlia is a pale orchid shade on the outer petals which are long and shaggy, the center ones are white, making a most wonderful combination of colors. The habits of the plant are all that could be desired. It grows about four feet tall and the stems are strong enough to hold the extra large flowers erect above the foliage 3.50
- ***Empress of India**—(Peo.) A very dark velvety maroon borne on extremely long stems way above the foliage. An excellent bloomer 2.00
- ***Enos Pyle**—(Dec.) A beautiful golden bronze of the decorative type. Face of the petals, shaded and streaked with jasper and nopal red. Reverse streaked and veined with rosolane purple. Petals are twisted, showing the colors on reverse side. The blooms are very large and are borne on the tips of very long stiff stems. Awarded 87 points at Storrs Trial Gardens 5.00
- Ethel Hardy**—(Pco.) This is one of the finest rose buff colored dahlias grown. It is extra large and on good stems. Fine for exhibition 2.00

- *General McRae—**(Dec.) One of our new seedlings. The face of the petals is apricot buff, suffused with gold and the reverse light coral red, making a beautiful combination. The flowers are very large and perfectly formed and are held erect on extra strong, stiff dark colored stems. One of our prize winners 5.00
- *George C. Meachen—**(Dec.) Is a large beautifully formed decorative flower and so deep and full that it is almost round. The face of the petals is pinard yellow overlaid with a golden sheen. Reverse of outer petals is nopal red, inner petals rose doree streaked with pinard yellow. The petals curl enough to show the colors on reverse side making a most beautiful flower. Stems are straight and strong enough to hold the heavy flowers erect above the foliage. The flowers keep well when cut 5.00
- *Governor A. Harry Moore—**(Dec.) A decorative of exceptional merit. The color is yellow with a slight shade of buff on outer petals. The bushes are covered with extra large flowers all season 5.00
Tubers
- *Governor Trumbull—**(D.) A strong growing plant with large full flowers carried on long stems way above the foliage. Color is pink faintly tinged mauve. Stock limited.....10.00
- *Marion Christine—**One of the best decoratives for cut flowers. The color is cadmium tipped with begonia rose. It has long stiff stems and the blooms are beautiful. This is one of the best dahlias of our collections and is recommended for garden use 1.50
- *Miss Martin—**(Peo.) This is one of the largest peony flowers grown to date. It is perfect in form on excellent stems. Color is garnet. A prize winner any place. Stock limited..... 5.00
- *Mrs. Charles L. Britten—**(H. S.) A new hybrid show. Without disbudding flowers will grow 6-8 in. The outer petals are pink and the center white. A very free bloomer..... 2.50
- *Mrs. George C. Meachen—**(D.) A new decorative that is sure to be a winner. The face of the flower is iridescent shadings of picric yellow and corinthian pink with deep rose back. All together it is a very delicate and wonderful color.....10.00
- *Mrs. Sally D. Bull—**(Peo.) A very large, beautiful flower of exquisite coloring. Face of petals, yellow, reverse rose. Petals curl and twist showing both colors 5.00
- *Pride of Stratford—**(Dec.) The color of this beautiful decorative dahlia is very striking being a brilliant shade of cadmium orange shading slightly to orange yellow at base of petals when fully open. Stems are long and sturdy. This immense, magnetic and radiant bloom has created the outstanding sensation of a generation in the business. The demand for bulbs of this newly introduced flower was so great that our supply of bulbs last year was totally inadequate. Orders should be entered early to insure fulfillment..... 7.50
- *Robert H. Sherman—**(Dec.) A very large, beautifully formed flower with very straight stiff stems. Color is pale orange yellow tipped with apricot. Reverse side of petals spinel pink beautifully veined and shaded. The whole overlaid with golden bronze. A prolific bloomer and wonderful flower Awarded the certificate of merit 5.00

- ***Sea Shell**—(Peo.) Sea shell pink. A prolific bloomer. The very large flowers carried on long stems are greatly admired. 3.00
- ***Senator Walcott**—(Peo.) One of the flowers that attracts the eye as soon as one enters the garden, it is such a brilliant shade of red. The flowers are so very large that the strong stems drop slightly. It is a very free bloomer and a grand flower for exhibition 5.00
- ***Senator Wheeler**—(Peo.) One of our latest creations that will make its initial appearance in the market during 1927 for delivery in the spring of 1928 is a peony of phenomenal size and a free bloomer. The flower is very full with petals that are distinctly curled. This feature is so pronounced that the blossom coming into bloom looks like a hybrid cactus but later turns to peony. A choice collection would not be complete without this attraction. 5.00
- ***Sun Glow**—(Peo.) Something new. A peony with petals covering the center and little twisted florets between each petal. Color capucine orange, with gold and rose suffusion large flowers, extra long stems 3.00
- ***The General**—(Dec.) A deep garnet flower of unusual size with a silvery white reverse, the combination forming a blossom of remarkable beauty and charm. Bulbs 5.00
- ***Uncle Sam**—(Peo.) Color, orange buff at base of petals shading to bittersweet pink at tips. All overlaid with a beautiful golden sheen. Center petals mustard yellow streaked with deep pink and beautifully curled and twisted. Reverse side of petals shaded spinel red. This flower is really impossible to describe. It is immense in size measuring 8 to 10 inches without disbudding and is held on stiff stems from 2 to 4 feet long. Every lover of the dahlias should have one. No home or garden complete without "Uncle Sam." 2.50

COLLECTION OF COMMERCIAL DAHLIAS

- A. W. Davidson—(Dec.) The colors of this large new decorative are almost beyond our powers of description, but we are doing our best. The base is creamy yellow deepening to a blush pink tipped and streaked rose. Large size and an early constant bloomer 3.50
- Adda Patterson—(H.C.) One of the best white hybrid cactus to date. A pure white, flowers from eight to nine inches in diameter. A beautiful grower. Extra large blooms are held well above the foliage on stiff stems that can be cut four feet in length, splendid for exhibition and decorative purposes, ... 7.50
- Altamont—Rose pink, deepening to American Beauty rose toward the center of the flower. The flower is large averaging eight inches and over in diameter, full decorative type, with long slightly curled petals, giving the individual blooms a very artistic finish. The flower is practically sunproof. Plants very much resemble Jersey's Beauty in habit, a stronger grower and an early and abundant bloomer. One of the best exhibition varieties ever originated. Altamont won the Sweepstakes prize for the best dahlia of any type in competition with most of the best varieties in America. 7.50
- Arthur Kelsey—(S) A well formed flower on very good stems, very free bloomer. Good for exhibition. A purplish crimson beauty 7.75

- Attraction**—(H. C.) One of the best lavender hybrid cactus of large size and good form 1.00
- Ben Wilson**—(Dec.) This is a very large flower, easily grown 7 inches on good stems. Color is orange red, tipped gold. A wonderfully free bloomer 1.50
- Bonnie Brae**—(Dec.) This is the finest cream dahlia shaded pink that we have ever grown. The flowers are immense in size and a very prolific bloomer 2.00
- California Superba**—(Dec.) This is one of California's varieties. Color light pink. The flower is composed of many narrow petals. Stems are stiff, which hold the numerous blossoms upright, retains its center all season 3.50
- Charles E. Hughes**—(D.) An immense flower, color a lemon yellow, shaded with burnt orange. This is one of the best exhibition flowers we know of, easily grown ten inches on excellent stems. Plants 10.00
- Charles Stratton**—(D.) A grand exhibition decorative dahlia; has been awarded sixteen prizes in New Jersey for size and color. Color is old gold shaded and tipped with old rose.... 5.00
- City of Lawrence**—(Dec.) A mammoth deep yellow on good stems. One of the deepest dahlias that grows. A free bloomer. If size is what you want this will suit you. It will attract attention in the garden or at an exhibition..... 5.00
- Colleen Bawn (Kernon's 102)**—(Dec.) The long, shaggy, slightly twisted petals of this large deep pink flower faintly tinged with lavender make up a bloom which must be seen to be appreciated. Plants..... 5.00
- Daddy Butler**—(H. C.) This is a very large hybrid cactus of the truest form for exhibition and a wonderful cut flower, colors are of the American beauty shades or rosy carmine. The petals are twisted and rolled showing a light tint. The stem is perfect and bushes are always covered with extra large perfect blooms 2.00
- Edward J. Kernon**—(H. C.) A very prolific bloomer, color orange red and yellow. Good stems 2.00
- Mrs. Eleanor Martin**—A wonderful new decorative of deep mulberry and rose colorings; the flowers are very large and are held erect on long, stiff stems. The freedom of flowering and habit of plant are very good. Average height about five feet. A splendid variety for exhibition and decorative purposes. 5.00
- Ellenor Vanderveer**—An incomparable dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size. The large blossoms of glowing, satiny rose pink are of great depth and substance and are held far above a tall sturdy bush on exceptionally long, stiff stems. There is no surplus leafage and with ordinary disbudding every flower is perfect. This dahlia is said by many to be the best California dahlia ever put on the market 5.00
- Eliza Clarke Bull**—(Dec.) Easily the very best white that has ever been sent from California, and probably the best white in existence. The flowers are large, of splendid formation, stem and growth perfect 5.00
- Empress of India**—(Peo.) A very dark velvety maroon borne on extremely long stem way above the foliage. An excellent bloomer 2.00

- Esther Hunt**—(H. C.) The large blooms are composed of long well rolled petals with serrated tips. The vivid colored flowers of oriental orange make a most striking bouquet. A very pretty hybrid cactus 2.00
- Faith Garibaldi**—(Dec.) This immense deep rose decorative is a flower of great substance and of perfect formation, it does not require heavy disbudding for immense blooms. The stem is exceptionally strong and carries the flower high above the foliage, the blossoms last indefinitely on the bush and nearly a week in the house. This dahlia has won many prizes in different parts of the country. 3.00
- Gee Whiz**—(C.) A very large cactus. The color is a soft buff shaded with salmon. Always perfectly double 1.00
- Gladys Bates**—(C.) One of the most popular cactus dahlias grown today. Large heavy blooms of incurved petals of tan, with a reverse of rose. Perfect form..... 1.00
- Gladys Bedford**—(D.) This immense flower is one of the deepest decoratives we have ever grown. Flowers held upright on rigid stems and a wonderful bloomer. Color is old rose, shading to yellow10.00
- Grace Schiott**—(D.) A very beautiful flower of a strontion yellow color shaded with salmon on fine stems. A good bloomer 3.00
- Grace Sherman**—(D.) A very large full flower. The color is a light pink over-laid at the center with a deep golden yellow. Stems are long 7.50
- Goldie**—(Dec.) This is a very handsome red flower with each petal tipped gold. It is a good bloomer and a fine grower, a very fine garden variety 1.50
- George S. Harvey**—(D.) This dahlia is a purplish magenta suffused white, making one of the most beautiful combinations one would wish to see. A very large deep flower..... 3.00
- Harry Sheldon, Jr.**—(D.) A very large pink and white flower, easily grown ten inches and five inches deep, extra good for exhibition 5.00
- Hercules**—One of Judge Mareans creations. The flower is a giant in size. Color tangerine and yellow. With us the plants were very stocky 2.00
- Jersey's Beauty**—(Dec.) Very fine true pink. Flowers large and of perfect shape, produced on long, straight, stiff stems. Very free bloomer and a splendid keeper. Certificate American Dahlia Society, 1923 2.00
- Judge Marean**—(Dec.) This dahlia is too well known to describe. One of the best bloomers with large flowers on long stems. It is a glowing salmon pink, yellow and pure gold... 1.00
- King George**—(H.) One of the largest lavender show dahlias to date. A wonderfully free bloomer, on straight stems and good for exhibition and cut flowers. One of the best..... 1.00
- King of Shows**—(S.) This is the largest yellow show dahlia to date. It is grown on excellent stems, a very free bloomer... 1.50

- Mariposa**—(H. C.) This is one of the best hybrid cactus grown. The bushes are always covered with large flowers. It is a prize winner wherever exhibited. This is one of the best western dahlias that we know of. Color is a delightful shade of violet pink, which is intensified by a violet suffusion. The blooms are of great depth and substance, borne on extra long and stiff stems 2.00
- Marcella Gill**—(D.) A very handsome pink dahlia. It has very broad petals, and is a fine bloomer, excellent for cutting and a good commercial flower75
- Miss M. E. Dingee**—(D.) An enormous flower of color, hard to describe. It is a combination of salmon, orchid and yellow. On the best of stems. It is an excellent dahlia to have.....10.00
- Mrs. Edward Taylor**—(D.) Immense flowers of beautiful cerise. This is a dandy on fine stems and has good blooms..... 7.50
- Mrs. Emily Davie**—(D.) A very large light rose pink shading to yellow. Flowers are on erect stems, four feet long..... 5.00
- Mrs. George Sherwood**—(D.) This is an immense flower borne on excellent stiff stems and is a beautiful golden rose. This is a gem 7.50
- Mrs. Happie Bedford**—(H. C.) In this we have a perfect hybrid cactus dahlia. Its enormous size and color will win any where, color is a beautiful canary yellow10.00
- Mrs. I. DeVer Warner**—(Dec.) One of the best lavender decorative flowers grown. It is enormous in size and has good straight stems. It is a sturdy grower and an exceptionally good bloomer. A splendid keeper 1.00
- Mrs. Seybold**—(D.) This is one of the prettiest rose and white dahlias. Excellent for decoration and for cut flowers. A fine bloomer on fine stems50
- Mrs. Stillman**—(Peo.) An exquisite shade of pink. The flower is made up of very long, slim incurving petals that stand up in a most attractive manner 1.00
- Papillon**—(H. C.) This is a very large dahlia. It is a wonderfully improved George Walter, size much larger, stem much better. A beautiful shade of old rose, with golden lights. A wonderful bloomer, stems strong and long that carry the flower well above the foliage 3.00
- Pride of Connecticut**—(Dec.) We feel that in offering this new variety we have one which will soon prove its value both as a commercial cut flower variety as well as for exhibition. The color is for the most part deep glowing pink with the reverse of each petal changing to a light amaranth pink. The plants are dwarf to medium in height and are completely loaded with blooms from early until late. The stiff, wiry stem holding the flowers well out from the foliage. Certificate of Merit A. D. S. 2.00
- President Wilson.** Large flowers of the finest form, there is nothing in its class to compare with it for beauty. Color a carmine red with tips of petals white, a combination of colors that makes a most striking flower, with stems two feet long holding flowers well out from foliage. If you are looking for something fine don't miss this one. 3.00

- Radio**—(Dec.) An enormous red and yellow flower. It might well be called a beacon light for it attracts attention from all parts of the garden 3.50
- Ralph Blodgett**—(Dec.) This is something new and entirely different from other varieties in color which is deep orange with a slight red suffusion and each petal tipped white, very large size and a splendid bloomer 2.00
- Regent**—(C.) One of the best American cactus grown. Its stems and size are very attractive. Color is a beautiful shade of clear mauve pink. Fine for cutting or exhibition..... 2.00
- "Robert Treat."**—(Dec.) New American beauty dahlia. The outstanding novelty for 1925. It is the most perfect decorative dahlia yet seen, with its long stems and perfect formation and the delightful American Beauty Rose color of this dahlia has made it a constant prize winner, being awarded the Robert Treat Hotel Silver Cup, Newark, N. J., 1923, and the Garden Magazine Sweepstake at the great New York Show, 1924 3.50
- Robert Scott**—(D.) A very beautiful apricot yellow with rose shading and extra large bold flower, excellent stems and a fine bloomer. Plants only 5.00

THE SEAL OF CONNECTICUT

- You have no doubt been looking for a real worth while yellow, and here we have one which comes to you with a tremendous record as a prizewinner. Awarded First Prize for the Best Yellow in the entire A. D. S. Show, New York, 1925 and pronounced as far superior to all existing yellows. Has never failed to receive the prize when shown for the best yellow, and in 1922 was awarded a Bronze Medal by The New York Horticultural Society for a superior new variety. The past season we had it growing at the A. D. S. trial gardens, Storrs, Conn., where it received 89 points, the highest score of any variety in the gardens. The blooms may be grown to a remarkable size being both broad and deep. It is an early, consistent bloomer and holds its size and center until the end of the season. Color is clear golden yellow throughout. Plants only 5.00
- Siskiyou**—(H. C.) This dahlia grows to an enormous size and it produces the largest flowers we have ever seen. It has created a sensation wherever it was grown. Plants are very strong and vigorous. Flowers are held perfectly erect on strong stems, color is pink tinged mauve 3.00
- Snowdrift**—(Dec.) This giant white bloom deserves its name. A very full deep built flower with broad waxy petals. We consider it the best pure white yet on the market..... 2.00
- Susan Coe**—(Peo.) A splendid flower of perfect form, large size, carried on long stiff wiry stems, a pleasing shade of rose-pink, passing to a yellow center, suffuse salmon as the season advances. This is an excellent dahlia 3.00
- Susan Lee**—(D.) One of the largest orange and red dahlias we have ever grown. A prize winner in the largest flower class anywhere. This is a pippin 3.00

- Trentonian**—(Dec.) A giant decorative of a shade that appeals and captivates at one glance; the color is that of an Indian's skin, a wonderful blending of old gold, amber and coppery bronze. This flower is highly recommended either for garden or exhibition for its size, stem and grand color. Awarded Cert. of Merit at D. S. of N. J., scoring 89 points..... 5.00
- The Emperor**—(Dec.) This distinguished dahlia is deserving of a place in every fine collection. It is a strong, healthy grower, producing very large blooms of bright maroon that does not fade; very fine 2.00
- The Grizzly**—(H. C.) A velvety dark, red decorative. The flowers are very large and reflex which makes it very attractive, a rare novelty and a prize winner 2.00
- White Glory**—(D.) This is one of the largest and best white flowers grown to date. It is a rugged grower and a profuse bloomer on good strong stems. This is one of the new outstanding varieties 2.50
- W. J. Erwin**—(D.) No doubt this is the best lavender purple dahlia ever produced. It surely has size, the best of stems and is a very free bloomer. This is a dahlia everybody likes and a prize to have 10.00
- Wm. Bedford**—(D.) One of the most beautiful chrome yellow dahlias with a slight orange shading. On the best of stems and a wonderful size and bloomer 5.00
- Yellow Prince**—(Dec.) Color is a rich golden yellow, flowers are of immense size, a wonderfully good bloomer on strong stem. Do not miss this dahlia 2.00

